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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

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INFO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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SANTO DOMINGO FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CVIS ASEC HA (ST. AUBIN, RENAULD)

SUBJ: ARREST OF HAITIAN TRAVEL AGENT FOR ATTEMPTED

BRIBERY OF VISA OFFICER

REF: STATE 098508

1. PURSUANT REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR NOTIFIED FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS BY FIRST-PERSON NOTE MAY 4 OF RENAULD ST. AUBIN'S ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE VICE CONSUL THOMAS E. CAIRNS TO ISSUE VISAS TO INELIGIBLE PERSONS, GIVING DETAILS AND ENCLOSING TRANSCRIPT OF CAIRNS-ST. AUBIN CONVERSATION APRIL 7. REQUESTED MEASURES BE TAKEN TO ASSURE NO RETALIATION AGAINST CAIRNS AND FAMILY. SENT INFORMATION COPIES TO SECRETARY OF JUSTICE AND TO SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

IN RELATED CONVERSATION, BRUTUS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO AMBASSADOR'S ARGUMENT THAT PROMPT ACTION BY GOH WOULD HELP SUPPRESS FRAUDULENT VISA TRAFFIC WHICH VICTIMIZES HAITIANS OF MODEST MEANS WHO ARE DUPED BY FALSE PROMISES OF ACCESS TO U.S. FOR FEES PAID TO INTERMEDIARIES.

2. ON FRIDAY, MAY 14 EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE DATED PREVIOUS DAY ADVISING THAT ST. AUBIN HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND REQUESTING COPY OF RECORDED TAPE FOR PURPOSES OF PROSECUTION. WE ARE RESPONDING TODAY.

3. ALSO ON MAY 14 LOCAL NEWSPAER "LE MATIN" REPORTED ON FRONT PAGE THE ARREST OF "JEAN RENAUD" ST. AUBIN. ARTICLE  
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STATED THAT ST. AUBIN WAS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED CORRUPTION OF

VICE CONSUL CAIRNS AND WITH "USURPATION OF TITLE" OF TRAVEL AGENCY.

4. COMMENT. PURPOSE OF LATTER CHARGE MAY BE TO PROTECT REPUTATION OF LATE HEAD OF ST. AUBIN TOURS, SUBJECT'S FATHER, WHO DIED IN NEW YORK APRIL 26. PUBLICITY GIVE TO ARREST SHOULD BE HEALTH DETERRENT TO OTHER TRAVEL AGENCIES, AND SHOULD AT LEAST GIVE SECOND THOUGHT TO COUNTLESS HAITIANS WHO BELIEVE U.S. VISAS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES.

5. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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